CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1   1.   A method for generating a form, comprising the steps of:

2   receiving data to be included in a form to be printed via a network;

3   configuring the received data for printing on a form; and

4   facilitating printing of the form.

1   2.   The method of claim 1, wherein the step of receiving data comprises

2   receiving data with a web-based form processing service hosted by a printing device.

1   3.   The method of claim 1, wherein the step of configuring the received

2   data comprises merging the received data with static form data.

1   4.   The method of claim 1, further comprising storing an electronic copy

2   of the form in a personal imaging repository of a user that initiated printing of the

3   form.

1   5.   A system for generating a form, comprising:

2   means for receiving data to be included in a form to be printed via a network;

3   means for configuring the received data for printing on a form; and

4   means for facilitating printing of the form.

1   6.   The system of claim 5, wherein the means for receiving data comprises

2   a web-based form processing service hosted by a printing device.

1   7.   The system of claim 5, further comprising means for storing an

2   electronic copy of the form in a personal imaging repository of a user that initiated

3   printing of the form.

1   8.   A printing device, comprising:

2   hard copy generation hardware;

3   a processing device; and

4   memory including an embedded network server, the server hosting a form

5   processing service with which forms can be created and printed.

1   9.   The printing device of claim 8, wherein the form processing service

2   includes logic configured to present a form processing web site to a user.

1   10.   The printing device of claim 8, wherein the form processing service

2   includes logic configured to store a copy of a form in a personal imaging repository of

3   a user that initiated printing of the form.

1   11.   A method for printing a form, comprising the steps of:

2   accessing form imaging data from at least one store via a network;

3   retrieving the form imaging data from the at least one store; and

4   printing the form imaging data along with static form data as a hard copy form.

1   12.   The method of claim 11, wherein the at least one store comprises a

2   graphic store and a composition store.

1   13.   The method of claim 11, wherein the at least one store is associated

2   with an imaging service that is configured to facilitate form completion.

1   14.   The method of claim 13, wherein the imaging source comprises a

2   network-based form processing service.

1   15.   The method of claim 11, wherein the step of accessing form imaging

2   data comprises accessing imaging data through use of an imaging extension.

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1   16.   The method of claim 15, wherein the imaging extension comprises part

2   of a user browser.

1   17.   The method of claim 15, wherein the imaging extension comprises part

2   of a network-based printing service.

1   18.   The method of claim 17, wherein the printing service is hosted by a

2   printing device having an embedded server.

1   19.   A system for printing a form, comprising:

2   means for accessing form imaging data from at least one store via a network;

3   means for retrieving the form imaging data from the at least one store; and

4   means for printing the form imaging data along with static form data as a hard

5   copy form.

1   20.   The system of claim 19, wherein the means for accessing form imaging

2   data comprises an imaging extension.

1   21.   The system of claim 20, wherein the imaging extension comprises part

2   of a user browser.

1   22.   The system of claim 20, wherein the imaging extension comprises part

2   of a network-based printing service.

1   23.   The system of claim 22, wherein the printing service is hosted by a

2   printing device having an embedded server.

1   24.   A printing device, comprising:

2   memory including logic configured to access form imaging data from at least

3   one store via a network, retrieve the form imaging data, and print the form imaging

4   data along with static form data as a hard copy form.

1   25.   The printing device of claim 24, wherein the logic comprises a

2   network-based printing service.

1   26.   The printing device of claim 24, wherein the logic comprises an

2   imaging extension that is configured to access the at least one store.

1   27.   The printing device of claim 24, further comprising an embedded

2   server.